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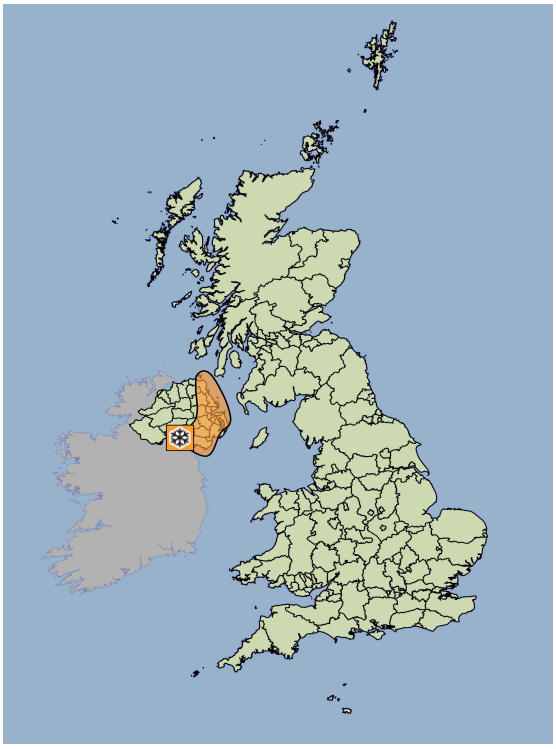

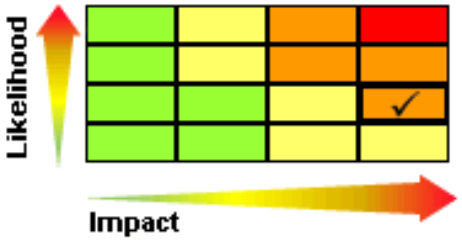

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A frontal system approaching from the south will spread into the cold air across the north of the UK on Friday, with snow falling readily away from windward coasts. Atrocious conditions across high ground are expected. At lower-levels inland, conditions will be more marginal for snow though there is potential for disruption in places.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Snow**

Valid from **00:05 on Fri, 22nd Mar 2013** until **23:59 on Fri, 22nd Mar 2013**

Heavy rain will spread northwards across Northern Ireland on Thursday night, and will turn increasingly to snow later in the night and during Friday. Highest snow accumulations of 30 cm or more are likely to be across the hills of Antrim and Down, with strong to gale force southeasterly winds giving drifting and blizzard conditions. Accumulations of 10 cm or so are possible at low-level, though towards the east coast rain and sleet will be more prevalent, with a risk of localised flooding.

The public should be prepared for the possibility of severe disruption, particularly to transport and to power supplies.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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- Northern Ireland
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